

What is claimed is:

1. A software providing method for a system of which  
a broadcasting station broadcasts a program along with  
authentication information with which each user is  
5 authenticated for a viewing license and a user terminal  
that has the authentication information reproduces a  
received program with the authentication information,  
the method comprising the steps of:

causing the broadcasting station to broadcast  
10 software that the user terminal needs to download along  
with the authentication information of the user; and

causing the user terminal that needs to download  
the software to download the received software with the  
authentication information of the user.

15 2. The software providing method as set forth in  
claim 1,

wherein the software is at least one of  
application software, an upgraded file of an operating  
system, and an upgraded file of firmware of the  
20 terminal.

3. The software providing method as set forth in  
claim 1,

wherein the broadcasting station broadcasts the  
software so that the user terminal can download the  
25 software without the authentication information when  
the broadcasting station provides free software.

4. The software providing method as set forth in

claim 1,

wherein the broadcasting station broadcasts the software that the user terminal needs to download along with the authentication information of the user and  
5 information about an address of a software provider, and

wherein the user terminal judges whether the broadcasting station has broadcast the program along with the information of the address of the software provider and when the judged result denotes that broadcasting station has broadcast the program along with the information of the address of the software provider, the user terminal transmits prejudged information to the address of the software provider.

15 5. The software providing method as set forth in claim 4,

wherein the information of the address of the software provider is information about a dial number of a cellular phone or a network address.

20 6. The software providing method as set forth in claim 4,

wherein the prejudged information includes at least a piece of information about a storage capacity for storing the downloaded software, information about a version of the software, information about an operation state of the software that has been downloaded, and information about user's satisfaction

for the software that has been downloaded.

7. A software providing method for a system of which a broadcasting station broadcasts a program along with authentication information with which each user is authenticated for a viewing license and a user terminal that has the authentication information reproduces a received program with the authentication information, the method comprising the steps of:

causing the broadcasting station to broadcast the authentication information of the user that allows him or her to load the software or data from a server that stores the software or the data to the user terminal and to use the software or data; and

causing the user terminal to load the software or data from the server with the authentication information of the user broadcast from the broadcasting station so that the user terminal can use the software or data.

8. A software providing method for a system of which a broadcasting station broadcasts a program along with authentication information with which each user is authenticated for a viewing license and a user terminal that has the authentication information reproduces a received program with the authentication information, the method comprising the steps of:

causing the broadcasting station to broadcast the authentication information of the user that allows him

or her to load the software or data from a server that stores the software or the data to the user terminal and to use the software or data; and

causing an information device connected to the  
5 user terminal to load the software or data from the server and store the software or data to a storage unit of the information device when authentication information stored in the user terminal matches authentication information that the user terminal has  
10 received.

9. A software providing method for a system of which a broadcasting station broadcasts a program along with authentication information with which each user is authenticated for a viewing license and a user terminal that has the authentication information reproduces a received program with the authentication information,  
15 the method comprising the steps of:

causing the broadcasting station to broadcast the authentication information of the user that allows him or her to load the software or data from a removable medium that stores the software or the data to the user terminal and to use the software or data; and

causing the user terminal to load the software or data from the removable medium with the authentication information of the user broadcast from the broadcasting station so that the user terminal can use the software or data.  
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10. A software providing method for a system of which  
a broadcasting station broadcasts a program along with  
authentication information with which each user is  
authenticated for a viewing license and a user terminal  
5 that has the authentication information reproduces a  
received program with the authentication information,  
the method comprising the steps of:

causing the broadcasting station to broadcast the  
authentication information of the user that allows him  
10 or her to load the software or data from a removable  
medium that stores the software or the data to the user  
terminal and to use the software or data; and

15 causing an information device connected to the  
user terminal to load the software or data from the  
removable medium and store the software or data to a  
storage unit of the information device when  
authentication information stored in the user terminal  
matches authentication information that the user  
terminal has received.

20 11. A software providing system of which a  
broadcasting station broadcasts a program along with  
authentication information with which each user is  
authenticated for a viewing license and a user terminal  
that has the authentication information reproduces a  
25 received program with the authentication information,

wherein the broadcasting station comprises:

broadcasting means for broadcasting software that

the user terminal needs to download along with the authentication information of the user, and  
wherein the user terminal comprises:

receiving means for receiving a broadcast program  
5 along with the software and the authentication information with which the software is downloaded; and  
downloading means for downloading the software with the authentication information of the user.

12. The software providing system as set forth in  
10 claim 11,

wherein the software is at least one of application software, an upgraded file of an operating system, and an upgraded file of firmware of the terminal.

15 13. The software providing system as set forth in  
claim 11,

wherein the broadcasting station further comprises:

means for broadcasting the software so that the  
20 user terminal can download the software without the authentication information when the broadcasting station provides free software.

14. The software providing system as set forth in  
claim 11,

25 wherein the broadcasting means broadcasts the software that the user terminal needs to download along with the authentication information of the user and

information about an address of a software provider,  
and

wherein the user terminal further comprises:

judging means for judging whether the program has  
5 been broadcast along with the information of the  
address of the software provider, and

transmitting means transmitting prejudged  
10 information to the address of the software provider  
when the judged result denotes that the program has  
been broadcast along with the information of the  
address of the software provider.

15. The software providing system as set forth in  
claim 14,

wherein the information of the address of the  
15 software provider is information about a dial number of  
a cellular phone or a network address.

16. The software providing system as set forth in  
claim 14,

wherein the prejudged information includes at  
20 least a piece of information about a storage capacity  
for storing the downloaded software, information about  
a version of the software, information about an  
operation state of the software that has been  
downloaded, and information about user's satisfaction  
for the software that has been downloaded.

25 17. A terminal apparatus that receives a program along  
with authentication information with which each user is

authenticated for a viewing license from a broadcasting station and reproduces the program with the authentication information, comprising:

5           storing means for pre-storing the authentication information;

10          receiving means for receiving a broadcast program along with software and the authentication information from the broadcasting station;

15          collating means for collating the authentication information stored in the storing means with the authentication information received by the receiving means; and

20          downloading means for downloading the software received by the receiving means corresponding to the collating result of the collating means.

18. The terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 17, wherein the software is at least one of application software, an upgraded file of an operating system, and an upgraded file of firmware of the terminal apparatus.

25          19. The terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 17, wherein the receiving means receives the broadcast program along with the software, the authentication information, and information about an address of a software provider, and

wherein the terminal apparatus further comprises:  
judging means for judging the broadcast program

has been received along with the information about the address of the software provider; and

transmitting means for transmitting prejudged information to the address of the software provider  
5 when the judged result denotes that the broadcast program has been received along with the information about the address of the software provider.

20. The terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 19,

wherein the information of the address of the software provider is information about a dial number of  
10 a cellular phone or a network address.

21. The terminal apparatus as set forth in claim 14,

wherein the prejudged information includes at least a piece of information about a storage capacity  
15 for storing the downloaded software, information about a version of the software, information about an operation state of the software that has been downloaded, and information about user's satisfaction for the software that has been downloaded.

20. A terminal apparatus that receives a program along with authentication information with which each user is authenticated for a viewing license from a broadcasting station and reproduces the program with the authentication information, comprising:

25 storing means for pre-storing the authentication information;

receiving means for receiving the authentication

information from the broadcasting station;  
collating means for collating the authentication  
information stored in the storing means with the  
authentication information received by the receiving  
means; and

loading means for loading software or data from a  
server that stores the software or data corresponding  
to the collating result of the collating means.

23. A terminal apparatus that receives a program along  
10 with authentication information with which each user is  
authenticated for a viewing license from a broadcasting  
station and reproduces the program with the  
authentication information, comprising:

15 storing means for pre-storing the authentication  
information;

receiving means for receiving the authentication  
information from the broadcasting station;

20 collating means for collating the authentication  
information stored in the storing means with the  
authentication information received by the receiving  
means; and

25 loading means for loading software or data from a  
removable medium that stores the software or data  
corresponding to the collating result of the collating  
means.

24. A method of obtaining software with a terminal  
apparatus that receives a program along with

authentication information with which each user is authenticated for a viewing license from a broadcasting station and reproduces the program with the authentication information, the method comprising the steps of:

5            pre-storing the authentication information;  
              receiving a broadcast program along with software and the authentication information from the broadcasting station;

10          collating the authentication information stored in the storing means with the authentication information received by the receiving means; and

              downloading the software received by the receiving means corresponding to the collating result of the 15        collating means.

25. A method of obtaining software with a terminal apparatus that receives a program along with authentication information with which each user is authenticated for a viewing license from a broadcasting station and reproduces the program with the authentication information, the method comprising the steps of:

25          pre-storing the authentication information;  
              receiving the authentication information from the broadcasting station;

              collating the authentication information stored in the storing means with the authentication information

received by the receiving means; and

loading the software or data from a server that stores the software or data corresponding to the collating result of the collating means.

5       26. A method of obtaining software with a terminal apparatus that receives a program along with authentication information with which each user is authenticated for a viewing license from a broadcasting station and reproduces the program with the 10 authentication information, the method comprising the steps of:

pre-storing the authentication information; receiving the authentication information from the broadcasting station;

15       collating the authentication information stored in the storing means with the authentication information received by the receiving means; and

loading the software or data from a removable medium that stores the software or data corresponding 20 to the collating result of the collating means.